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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 25, 2003, the Applicants in the above-identified patent application provisionally elect, **WITH TRAVERSE**, the species of Figures 8A and 8B, with claims 22, 23, 15, and 19 being readable thereon for continued examination.

If there are any questions regarding this Response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this would expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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